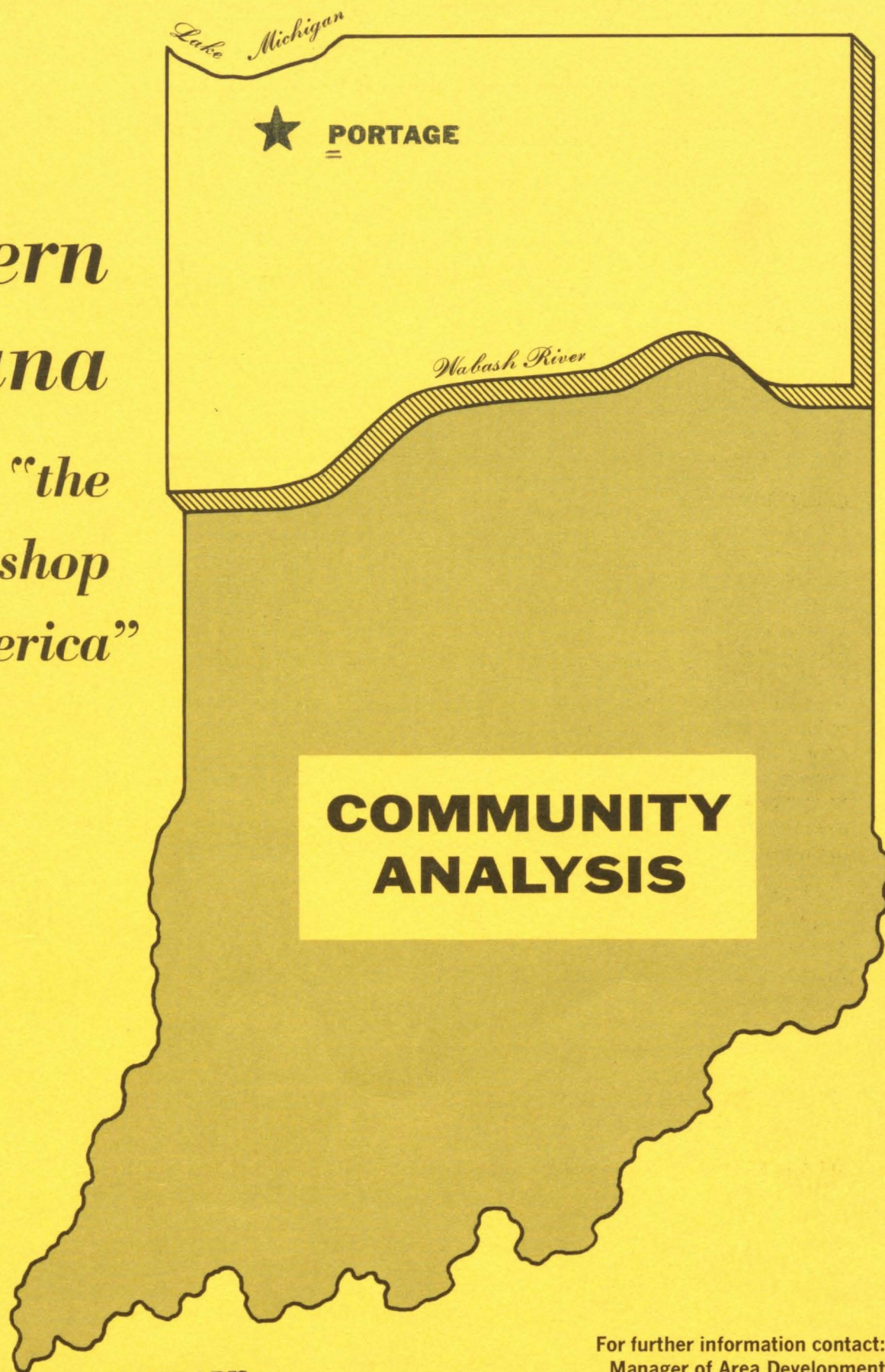


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Northern Indiana Public Service Co.
Hammond, Indiana

Community Analysis of PORTAGE, PORTER County, Indiana

LOCATION

(Distance And Direction To Four Major Cities) CHICAGO, ILL. (NW) 35 MILES; GARY, IND. (W) 8 MILES;
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (SE) 160 MILES; SOUTH BEND, IND. (E) 52 MILES

POPULATION *

	City	County	Percentages of City Population		
			White	Non-White	Foreign Born
1950 Census	INCORPORATED 1959	40,076	99.9 %	0.1 %	3.0 %
1960 Census	11,822	60,883	99.9 %	0.1 %	2.7 %
1970 Projected Census	22,000	100,000	99.9 %	0.1 %	2.4 %
Standard Metropolitan Area (If Any) <u>Hammond, East Chicago, Gary</u>			Population Retail Trading Area <u>30,000</u>		

CLIMATE

	Average Temp. of	Month	Rain Inches	Snow Inches	
Coldest Month	<u>JANUARY 29.7</u>	Wettest Month	<u>JUNE 8.75</u>	--	No. Days Under 32° <u>39</u>
Hottest Month	<u>JULY 70.7</u>	Driest Month	<u>MAY 1.39</u>	--	No. Days Over 90° <u>18</u>
Annual Average	<u>50.3</u>	Annual Total	<u>34.28</u>	<u>44.1</u>	Degree Days Per Year <u>6121</u>
Annual Average Clear Days	<u>107</u>	Partly Cloudy	<u>97</u>	Cloudy	<u>161</u> Elevation <u>620</u>

GOVERNMENT

Form And Organization MAYOR - 7 COUNCILMEN Term Of Office 4 Yrs., Expires 12/31/71
 Incorporated Or Unincorporated INCORPORATED Class (If Any) 4 Area Within City 25 Square Mile
 Annual Budget \$ 1,140,290 Primary Source(s) Of Revenue 90% PROPERTY TAX; 10% STATE TAX
 Streets 128 miles Paved 90 % Black Top (X) Cement (X) Street Lights YES Type MERCURY VAPOR
 Bonded Indebtedness: City \$ 555,000, County \$2,136,000 Other --
 Police Force: Regular 19 Special 6 Equipment 5 CARS, RADAR, RADIO, PHOTO LAB, ETC.
 Fire Dept.: Regular 12 Volunteer 18 Equipment **
 Average Annual Number Of Calls 347 Fire Insurance Rating In Community 7
 Is City Covered By Zoning Ordinances—Yes (X) No () Territory Covered ALL OF CITY
 Zoning Plans COVERED BY MASTER PLAN Master Plan: Yes (X) No ()
 Annexation Plans POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF 3,000 PLUS ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS IN 1969
 Sewerage Treatment Plant: Yes () No (X) Capacity -- Peak Demand --
 Area Covered By Plant -- Sewer Use Charge -- Storm Sewers --
 Is Garbage Pick-up Provided? YES - BY PRIVATE SCAVENGER

TAXES

Total Rate Within City \$10.02 Per \$100 Valuation—Yr. Payable 1968 Assessed At 33-1/3 % TRUE Value
 Total Rates(s) For Surrounding Twp(s) PORTAGE \$8.59; WESTCHESTER \$8.80 Per \$100 Valuation
 State Retail Sales Tax 2 % State Gross Income Tax Or Adjusted Gross Income Tax 0.5%-2%; ADJ. GROSS 2%
 Unemployment Compensation Rate 0.1%-3.1% EXP. RATING Claimant's Benefits \$10-\$52; 26 WEEKS MAXIMUM
 Workmen's Compensation Rate EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY Benefits 60% OF WEEKLY WAGE; \$51 MAXIMUM
 Exemptions (Homestead—Veterans—Mortgage) \$1,000 (INDIVIDUAL) Special Taxes ***
 Exemptions (Industrial) \$1,000 GROSS INCOME City Or Twp Tax Rate Trend Last Five Years ****
 Corporate Franchise Tax NONE Machinery, Equipment, Inventory Tax PROPERTY TAX
 Corporation Organization Fee *****

HOUSING

Total Homes In Community 4,960 Owner Occupied 85 % Average Lot Size 65 FEET
 New Units Constructed Last Three Years: Houses 408 Cost/Sq. Ft. \$11-\$18 Apartments 4 bldgs., 40 units
 Houses For Sale 200 Price Range \$12,000-\$35,000 Apartments For Sale NONE Price --
 Houses For Rent 10 Price Range \$80-\$150/MONTH Apartments For Rent 10 Price \$50-\$150/MONTH
 Name Of Hotel(s) NONE Total Rooms -- Number Of Motels 7***** Total Units 185

HEALTH AND WELFARE *****

Name Of Hospital(s) MERCY & METHODIST, GARY; PORTER MEMORIAL, VALPO Total Number Of Beds 915
 Number Of Doctors 9 Number Of Dentists 6 Number Of Ambulances Available 3
 Number Of Nursing Homes NONE Other Special Health Facilities CLINIC AND LABORATORY

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EDUCATION

No. Elementary Schools 8 Total Enrollment 4,996 Grades Included KINDERGARTEN - 6
 No. Junior High Schools 2 Total Enrollment 1,486 Grades Included 6 - 8
 No. High Schools 1 Total Enrollment 1,864 Grades Included 9 - 12
 Total No. Of Teachers 344 Pupil To Teacher Ratio: Elementary 26.7 Jr. High 22.1 High 20.7
 Certification Requirement Of Teachers BACHELORS DEG. - INDIANA LICENSE Cost Of Education Per Pupil \$ 505.39
 No. Of Parochial Schools NONE Total Enrollment -- Grades Included --
 No. Of Private Schools NONE Total Enrollment -- Grades Included --
 Vocational Training Facilities Home Economics, Bldg. Trades; Machine Shop; Welding; Auto Mech; Mech. drawing; Elec.
 College And Universities (Nearest)
 Liberal Arts INDIANA UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, GARY; VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
 Engineering PURDUE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, HAMMOND
 Business Administration INDIANA UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, GARY; VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
 Graduate Schools VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
 Research Labs And Institutions URSHEL LABORATORY AND MILLER LABORATORY, VALPARAISO

CIVIC AND RECREATIONAL

Major Civic Organizations LIONS, OPTIMISTS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ROTARY
 No. Of Churches: Protestant 29 Catholic 1 Jewish -- Other --
 Main Cultural Attractions NEARBY GARY AND CHICAGO
 Library(s) No. Volumes: Technical 240 Total 12,000 Parks: City 3 State Indiana Dunes
 Golf Courses: City NONE Private NONE Sports: High School YES College VALPO U. Prof. CHICAGO
 No. Nearby Lakes 1 Rivers 1 Bowling Alleys NONE Theaters NONE

AREA RESOURCES

Is Ample Supply Of Water Available? Yes (☒) No (☐) Source LAKE MICHIGAN Future Supply SAME
 Is There A Water Pollution Ordinance? Yes (☐) No (☒) Air Pollution Ordinance? Yes (☒) No (☐)
 Mineral Resources SILICA & MOULDING SAND Agricultural And Forest Products ALL FARM PRODUCTS
 Average Annual Market Value Of Farm Products Sold In PORTER County \$ 11,562,837 (1964)

LABOR MARKET

Present Employment	Male	Female		
Manufacturing	<u>4,830</u>	<u>813</u>	% Mfg. Workers In Union	<u>80</u>
Non Manufacturing	<u>998</u>	<u>300</u>	Unemployment	<u>2</u> % Labor Force
Government	<u>30</u>	<u>10</u>	State Right To Work Law: Yes (<input type="checkbox"/>)	No (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Strikes (Past Five Yrs.)	<u>NONE</u>			
Workers Involved	<u>--</u>	Man Days Idle	<u>--</u>	Labor Force Available: Male <u>200</u> Female <u>300</u>
Average Hourly Wage Rates:				
		Male		Female
Skilled	\$ <u>2.21</u>	To \$ <u>5.85</u>	\$ <u>2.15</u>	To \$ <u>4.00</u>
Semi-Skilled	\$ <u>2.00</u>	To \$ <u>4.05</u>	\$ <u>2.00</u>	To \$ <u>2.45</u>
Un-Skilled	\$ <u>1.85</u>	To \$ <u>3.07</u>	\$ <u>1.85</u>	To \$ <u>2.62</u>
Clerical	\$ <u>2.00</u>	To \$ <u>3.50</u>	\$ <u>1.50</u>	To \$ <u>3.50</u>

INDUSTRY

Existing Industries In Area

Firm	Product	No. of Empl.	Location
BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY	Steel sheets, plates	<u>3,374</u>	<u>PORTAGE & BURNS HARBOR</u>
MIDWEST DIVISION, NATIONAL STEEL COMPANY	Steel sheets, plates	<u>1,400</u>	<u>PORTAGE</u>
MONO SOL CORPORATION	Plastic film & foam	<u>80</u>	<u>"</u>
AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS	Liq. oxygen, hydrogen	<u>30</u>	<u>PORTAGE & BURNS HARBOR</u>
NORTHERN INDIANA STEEL SUPPLY COMPANY	Scrap metal process	<u>15</u>	<u>PORTAGE</u>
J. K. MARSHALL MANUFACTURING	Special tools & mach.	<u>7</u>	<u>"</u>

Plant Closings Last Five Years And Reasons NONE

Plant Openings Last Five Years ITT HENZE, AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS

Government Installations In Area NIKE SITE - WHEELER

INDUSTRIAL SITES AND BLDGS

Sites Available: Deepwater ☐ Riverfront ☐ Airport ☐ Highway 5 Zoned Sites 5 Undeveloped Sites 5
Present Or Planned Industrial Park(s) 1 Total Acreage Of Park(s) 76 Available Acreage 522
Price Range Of Various Sites: \$ 3,000 Per Acre To \$ 7,500 Per Acre
Site Data Available: Aerial Photos (☐) Site Maps (☒) Topographic Maps (☐) Test Boring Reports (☐)
Available Vacant Buildings (No. And Square Foot Size) NONE
Can Financing Of Industrial Building Be Arranged? YES On What Basis? LEASE OR LEASE/PURCHASE
Local Development Organization(s) PORTAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Contact (Name, Address, Phone) Portage Chamber of Commerce, Portage Mall, Portage, Indiana Phone: 219-762-3300

UTILITIES

Electric Service By NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY Private (☒) Municipal (☐) REMC (☐)
Average Industrial Power Cost per KWH RATES ON REQ. ¢ KWH Capacity SYSTEM WIDE Peak SYSTEM
Gas Service By NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY Private (☒) Municipal (☐)
Average Industrial Gas Rate Per Therm RATES ON REQUEST ¢ BTU Content 1,000 Pr/Cubic Foot
Is Gas Available For Industrial Space Heating? Yes (☒) No (☐) Limitations If Any NONE
Water Service By PORTAGE WATER COMPANY Private (☒) Municipal (☐)
Pumping Capacity 2,500,000 Gal./Day: Peak Demand 1,150,000 Gal./Day: Source LAKE MICHIGAN
Average Industrial Water Rate Per M/Gal./Mo. RATES ON REQ. ¢ Total Hardness (Parts/Million) 135
Telephone Company That Serves Area GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
Average Delivered Price Of Coal/Ton For Industrial Use \$9.40 BTU Rating 24,000,000/TON
Average Delivered Price Of Oil/Gal. For Industrial Use: 9.5 ¢ Grade 5 BTU Rating 154M/GAL.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspaper(s): Daily NONE Weekly PORTAGE WAVE, HERALD NEWSPAPERS
Circulation Wave-3,000; Herald 15,500 Radio Stations: AM Valparaiso, Gary, Chicago FM VALPARAISO, CHICAGO
TV: VHF Ch. 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 Chicago UHF Ch. 26, 32 Chicago Outside Radio Received Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Valpo
Outside Newspapers Valparaiso, Gary, Chicago Outside TV CHICAGO

TRANSPORTATION

Highway Route Numbers: Toll Road Indiana Interstate 80, 94, 90 U.S. 12, 20, 6 State 249, 149
Distance To: Toll Road 0 Miles, Interstate Route # 80, 94, 90 0 Miles, U.S. # 12, 20, 6 0 Miles
State Highway Load Limits 72,000 LBS. GROSS Lbs., Truck Clearances, If Any LOWEST 11.5 Feet
Rail Lines: Penn Central, E.J. & E., N & W, B & O, South Shore Distance To Main Line 0 Miles
Services Or Trips Daily: Freight As required Passenger South Shore - 20 Reciprocal Switching: Yes (☒) No (☐)
Truck: No. Of Lines 12 No. Of Terminals 0 Overnight Service To MAJOR CITIES WITHIN 300 MILES
Airport: VALPARAISO, HOBART, GARY Nearest Major Airport O'HARE, MIDWAY - CHICAGO
Runway(s) Length 1,600 FEET - 4,600 FEET (GARY) Flights Per Day NO SCH. # Of No Flight Days 23/YEAR
Is Charter Service Available? Yes (☒) No (☐) Radar, Lights Etc. Yes (☒) No (☐)
Bus: Inter-City Lines GARY TRANSIT, INC. Intra-City Line SAME
On Navigable Water? Yes (☒) No (☐) If Yes, Channel Depth LAKE MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank(s) PORTAGE NATIONAL, CHESTERTON STATE, FIRST NATIONAL OF VALPARAISO (Time Certificate 4-1/2 - 5%)
Assets (Portage) \$4,004,159; (Chesterton) \$19,597,304; (First) \$31,254,018 Prevailing Interest Rates 3-4 %
Savings And Loan Associations FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN OF VALPARAISO
Assets \$66,641,829 Prevailing Interest Rates 4-3/4 %

REMARKS: (Use This Space To Explain Items Which Are Believed To Deserve Special Consideration Or To Elaborate On Items Covered In Analysis.)

* 1968 Special Census - Portage - 18,340
** 2-1,000 GPM pumpers, emergency car, radio, 2 tanks, high pressure equipment
*** Intangible tax (5¢ per each \$20 value)
**** Tax Rate Trend: (67) \$9.64; (66) \$8.44; (65) \$8.26; (64) \$7.44; (63) \$6.94
***** 2¢ per share for the first 200,000 shares; 1¢ per share for next 800,000 shares; 0.2¢ per share on all additional shares -- \$20 minimum; \$5 fee for filing annual reports
***** Holiday Inn under construction at U.S. #20 and Crisman Road - 124 units - scheduled to open May, 1969
***** The 3 hospitals have a total staff of 220 doctors and about 800 other employees

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